

Part A - Office of the Secretary

Chapter AQ - Office of Global Health Affairs

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MISSION **AQ.00**

ORGANIZATION **AQ.10**

FUNCTIONS **AQ.20**

Section AQ.00 Mission. The mission of the Office of Global Health Affairs (OGHA) is to provide policy advice and direction to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and other Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) senior officials in the area of international health, family and social affairs, including health diplomacy in support of U.S. foreign policy. OGHA's mission is to ensure a centralized and coordinated approach to all international matters to promote the health of the world's population by advancing the U.S. and HHS' global strategies and partnerships, thus serving the health of the people of the United States.

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Office of Global Health Affairs (AQ)--The Office of Global Health Affairs (OGHA) is headed by a Director who reports directly to the Secretary. It receives most of its administrative support from the Office of the Secretary Executive Office (OSEO), but retains primary responsibility for budget and travel management. OGHA advises the Secretary and other senior officials on activities that are of a global nature, including international travel, meetings, and presentations. The Office of Global Health Affairs is responsible for ensuring a centralized approach to all international matters in the following areas: represents the Secretary and other senior officials in international negotiations on health, family and social matters; coordinates and leads Departmental participation in the meetings of multilateral organizations, including the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the United Nations AIDS Programme (UNAIDS), and other international agencies; represents the Department in relevant interagency working groups convened by the National Security Council, the Domestic Policy Council and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; in consultation with appropriate OPDIV and STAFFDIV leadership and staff, clears all documents related to international health, family and social affairs; coordinates and reviews international travel and long-term international assignments and details for all Departmental employees--including civil servants and members of the Commissioned Corps, and special government employees; promotes cooperative health programs with other countries; coordinates the Department's technical and policy-related input into international humanitarian issues and international and domestic refugee health issues; represents the Department on international health issues with other federal departments and agencies, international organizations, the private sector and foreign countries; carries out the Department's responsibilities under the U.S. Exchange Visitor Program; and, ensures protocol at all international functions and events.